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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sirs:

The Microsoft/Windows monopoly continues to make life difficult for users, impedes progress towards interoperability, stifles competition from new companies, and even marginalizes established companies due to loss of market share.

The proposed settlement does not, in my view, remedy Microsoft's ongoing monopolistic practice. I was very disappointed to see this administration step back from vigorous prosecution of this dispute, since it weakens the bedrock of our capitalistic free-market economy. I am sorry to see the State's left to pursue stricter remedies on their own.

I include one specific problem area, but this is only illustrative of my overall view of the proposed settlement:

The DOJ settlement would not restrict the core way in which Microsoft unlawfully maintained its Windows operating system (OS) monopoly, namely bundling and tying competing platform software (known as 3middleware²) like Web browsers and Java, to the OS. The Court of Appeals specifically rejected Microsoft's petition for rehearing on the bundling issue, and the DOJ settlement does nothing about it.

Please reconsider your position on this matter,

Respectfully,

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